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**For: PISTOL GRIP ELECTROSURGICAL PENCIL WITH MANUAL
ASPIRATOR/IRRIGATOR AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME**

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AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on July 20, 2006, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that Claims 1-6, 14, 21 and 27-31 are in proper format and are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

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